

Good morning, my name is Tyler Rayl. I am president of the local Buhler FFA Chapter and president of Reno County 4-H Council. Upon being asked this question, I started to research some of the needs with my peers, who are currently going through the process of starting up new operations.

The first concept of change is a way to transfer land to family or to non-family members, who are interested in sustaining the farmland. This process needs to be completed before the death of the owner, and without having to sell the property. By doing this, family farms can be passed down the generations without each generation having to repurchase the farm. If there are no descendants or none are interested, the land may be passed to a non-family member interested in farming.

Another way to help is to implement better <sup>loan</sup> ~~interest~~ rates for new farmers looking to buy land and equipment. Also the federal loan application could be shortened to make the process less stressful for future applicants.

Lastly, big corporations are taking over the industry. Small farmers need more benefits, or better <sup>opportunities to keep</sup> ~~land rates to keep~~ their operations going. With land prices the way they are, small and new farmers are restricted on the growth of their farms.

Thank you for your time and listening to what I had to say. I hope you take these things into account in writing the next farm bill.

~~I~~ I would like to encourage you to continue supporting the agricultural education programs like 4-H & FFA. This ~~will~~ would help educate & encourage the next ~~an~~ generation to become active in production agriculture.

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